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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF BURKINA FASO

IPF:(1992-96) $51 053 000

(BKF/91/005) - Assistance in Modernization of the Public Administration

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	6 May 1992
Expected duration:	30 months
Proposed executing agency:	United Nations
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Civil Service and Administration Modernization
Total UNDP contribution:	$2 406 900 Source of funds: (IPF-$1 406 900 (MDP-$1 000 000
Government cost sharing:	$335 300

Project background

With the technical assistance from UNDP's Structural Adjustment Advisory Team for Africa (SAATA), Burkina Faso has concluded negotiations on its first Structural Adjustmenmt Programme (SAP) in early 1991. As indicated in their Policy Framework Paper (PFP) covering the 1991-93 period, the authorities intend to reduce financial imbalances, while promoting economic growth through the provision of incentives for private investment. To these ends, they recognize that the role of the Government needs to be streamlined and refocused, thus allowing for greater private sector participation in the economy.

To achieve a real GDP growth of about four per cent p.a. on average, and increase the per-capita income in real terms, limit the annual inflation rate to less than four per cent on average, and contain the external current account deficit at less than 15 per cent of GDP, while eliminating all external arrears in 1991, the Government requested UNDP assistance under the present approval.

The Government's strategy relies on policies designed to increase production and exports of the agricultural sector which is expected to remain the main source of growth, foster the role of the private sector by creating an environment conducive to private investment and employment creation, improve the quality of human resources through better education and health services, and strengthen and rationalize public sector management.

Description of project

The project will assist the Ministry of Civil Service and Modernization of the Administration in creating the conditions within the public administration and guaranteeing the success of the SAP. Moreover, it will fit into a larger Public Institutions Assistance Programme jointly financed and managed by the Government, the World Bank (IDA), the UNDP, French and German Bilateral Cooperation and the African Development Bank. IDA has accepted funding of the equipment component ($451 000) of the UNDP Project. The contribution of the Management Development Programme (MDP) will help to enhance the internalization and institutionalization process of the technical assistance's technical capacity and know-how.

The development objective of the project is to create and enhance the public sector's capability to conceive, boost and run a development administration system in Burkina Faso.

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) participate in reorganizing and modernizing public services management; (b) improve the existing human resources management system; and (c) ennhance the public administration's productivity by introducing new management methods and techniques and setting up a system capable of improving public servants capabilities and qualifications in general and managerial capabilities in particular.

Inputs

UNDP will provide a public management systems expert-CTA (30 man-months), an expert in computerized management systems (27 man-months), public human resources management expert (30 man-months), an associate expert public organization and procedures (30 man-months), a national adviser in public management,training (24 man-months), a national adviser in public administration micro-computers systems (30 man-months); two UN volunteers (48 man-months); international consultants (24 man-months); national consultants (six man-months); administrative support; in-service training, study tours, scholarships; expendable and non-expendable equipment, and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	1 599 400
Training	552 500
Equipment	160 000
Miscellaneous	95 000
Total	2 406 900

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